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FOR: IO/OIC - MR. MOSSELLEM

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SUBJECT: COFFEE - INTERNATIONAL COFFEE ORGANIZATION

MEETING, NAIROBI, AUGUST 29 - SEPTEMBER 2, 1977

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1. DUE TO STRONG POSSIBILITY OF DISRUPTION BY STRIKE OR OTHER INDUSTRIAL ACTION, AFFECTING LONDON AIRPORTS ON WEEK-END OF AUGUST 27, REQUEST AMENDMENT OF TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION 1021-754000 BY IMMEDIATE CABLE TO AUTHORIZE EARLIER DEPARTURE FOR ICO MEETING THAN SPECIFIED AUGUST 27 DATE. THIGPEN NOW MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO UTILISE ONE OF BLOCK RESERVATIONS HELD BY ICO SECRETARIAT FOR AUGUST 24 DEPARTURE VIA KQ315. SECRETARIAT AND A NUMBER OF LONDON-BASED REPRESENTATIVES PLAN TO TAKE THIS FLIGHT. INDUSTRIAL ACTION THREATENED FROM TWO DIFFERENT QUARTERS. AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL WORKERS WILL MEET AUGUST 25 TO CONSIDER WHAT ACTION THEY WILL TAKE. BEST ESTIMATE WE HAVE IS AS MINIMUM WEEK-END FLIGHTS WILL BE SUBJECT TO LONG DELAY. BRITISH AIRWAYS, WHICH HAS MOST POPULAR ROUTE TO NAIROBI, ADDITIONALLY THREATENED

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WITH CATERERS' STRIKE. CHANCE OF INDUSTRIAL ACTION FOR WEEK-END OF 27TH HEIGHTENED BY FACT THAT MONDAY, AUGUST 29, IS LOCAL HOLIDAY AND WORKERS LIKE TO USE PEAK TRAVEL PERIODS FOR MAXIMUM IMPACT. ICO SECRETARIAT URGES ALL DELEGATES TO MAKE PLANS FOR DEPARTURE PRIOR TO WEEK-END.

2. FOR O'DONNELL. SUGGEST YOU PASS TO INDUSTRIAL ADVISERS IN NEW YORK WITH RECOMMENDATION THEY BY-PASS LONDON.

3. FOR NAIROBI. PLEASE MAKE ACCOMMODATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIGPEN STARTING AUGUST 25 INSTEAD OF AUGUST 28. WILL CONFIRM TRAVEL PLANS SOONEST.

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